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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</p> <p>LAWSON reported to have recruited his wife SUE into the Communist Party (CP) in 1936. Also recruited T-5 into the CP in 1938. On 3/14/56 ALBERT GLASSER, musician and composer, and his wife KATHERINE recalled LAWSON as an important figure in the CP in 1943 when the GLASSERS were members. [LAWSON recently expressed himself as feeling that the actions of the USSR in all cases cannot be completely defended.] During 1955 LAWSON has been reported connected with a number of Communist-dominated organizations, including California Emergency Defense Committee, American-Russian Institute, and the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council. He was the foremost policy-making figure in the last-named organization until it dissolved in 1/56. It was LAWSON who drafted the HASP statement announcing its dissolution. [The last public function of the HASP of any importance was a testimonial dinner honoring LAWSON which was held at Los Angeles on 11/12/55.]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> <p>Classified by 7/17/89 [signature] Declassify on: OADR</p> <p>Copy to State-CIA by routing slip for info <input type="checkbox"/> action <input type="checkbox"/> date 7/24/56 by TBC AUG 9 1960</p> <p>AGENCY REQ. REC'D DATE FORW. 5/24/56 HOW FORW. OADR BY WBA</p> <p>Copy to State-CIA by routing slip for info <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> action <input type="checkbox"/> date 9/14/60 by TBC</p>			
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T-5, SANORA BABB HOWE, 1562 Queens Road, Los Angeles, member CP, 1938-45, whose identity is concealed by request	1938	4/18/56	CLAUDE WILLIS, et al	100-20293
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T-12, former LA-3685-S, KATHLEEN HART STOCKWELL, Topanga, California, identity concealed by request	May Day rally, 5/1/55	5/6/55	CLIFFORD PUCKETT	134-306A-209
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